Revival of HMT

1430. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any revival package for the Hindustan Machine Tools Ltd., Kalamassery, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) HMT Machine Tools Ltd. has been incorporated as subsidiary of HMT Ltd. since April 1, 2000 and comprises Machine Tools complexes located at Bangalore, Kakamassery, Hyderabad, Ajmer & Pinjore. A comprehensive revival plan in respect of the subsidiary has been formulated by the company which includes capital expenditure, repayment of VRS loans and long term loans and discharge of other liabilities.

(c) The Revival proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Exploration of Coal Bed Methane in Gujarat

1431. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Block was awarded to the State of Gujarat in 2004;

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC has not taken concrete steps to start the drilling activity in the CBM Block:

(c) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to induct a third partner for this Block in order to get the exploration and production started at the earliest; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC has informed that it has taken adequate steps to complete the committee Minimum Work Programme (MWP) within the stipulated time period as per terms of the contract.

In the Exploration Phase (Phase-I), ONGC is to drill 8 Core holes and 2 Exploratory wells as per MWP. So far ONGC has completed drilling of 1 Core hole and 1 Exploratory well. Drilling of 2nd Core hole is in progress.

Remaining 6 Coreholes and 1 Exploratory well have been lined up for drilling. ONGC is fully geared to complete the work within the stipulated time.

(c) and (d) No formal proposal has been made under the provisions of the contract for inducting a third partner. However, Gujarat Government has requested ONGC to induct a third partner who has adequate experience and technology in the field of CBM.

National Auto Fuel Policy

1432. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Auto Fuel Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position with regard to the implementation of the Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In line with the road map laid in the Auto Fuel Policy approved by the Government in October, 2003, fuel quality has been upgraded all over the country as follows:—

Fuel quality	State/citites	Date of introduction
Euro-III Petrol and Diesel	13 cities (Delhi/National Capital Region, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur, Agra, Solapur and Lucknow	1.04.2005
Bharat Stage-II Petrol	All over country	1.04.2005
Bharat State-II Diesel	All States except Rajasthan, West U.P, Uttaranchal, M.P., Punjab, H.P and Jammu & Kashmir	1.04.2005
	Rajasthan	1.06.2005